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Washington Office IM 2003-234 requests each State with a significant oil and gas program conduct training or briefing sessions for employees and management involved in energy-related use authorizations. In Montana/Dakotas, we see the need to bring resource specialists, managers and oil and gas staff together to have a general resources/oil and gas workshop to discuss all aspects of oil and gas planning, authorizations and operations.

We are planning on having a BLM internal workshop tentatively scheduled for late March or April. The target audience is a cross-section of managers, oil and gas staff, NEPA coordinators, realty specialists, and cultural and natural resources staff who work with the oil and gas program planning and implementation.

Attached is a draft agenda for your review and comment. We tried to anticipate some topics that will be most helpful to Field Offices, including many current EPCA-related issues. Our goal is to develop an agenda for this workshop that addresses the issues, questions and concerns of Field Offices. Therefore, please consider the attached draft agenda as a starting point for topics to be covered during the workshop and do not hesitate to suggest additional topics.

Please email your comments/suggestions on the draft agenda to Karen Johnson (k4johnso@mt.blm.gov) by January 28, 2004. You may contact her at (406) 896-5098 if you have questions.

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1 Attachment
1-Draft Agenda (1p)

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**ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT (EPCA)
INTEGRATION WORKSHOP**

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| 1. Welcome/Opening Remarks | State Director |
| 2. Introduction/EPCA History | WO (John Bebout) |
| 3. EPCA Results
(MT Thrust Belt/Powder River Basin) | SO (John Bown) |
| 4. Leasing Process/Parcel Review | SO Adjudication |
| 5. NEPA/DNA Preparation for Lease
Parcel Reviews | FO Representative |
| 6. Integration of EPCA Results into
Land Use Plans/Consistency in
Application of Lease Stipulations | WO Representative |
| 7. Lease Stipulations
Waivers/Exceptions/Modifications | SO (Jim Albano) |
| 8. Conditions of Approval/Reclamation
Best Management Practices | WO (Jim Perry) |
| 9. Monitoring | WO (Jim Perry)
& SO Representative |